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## CLAIMS

Please amend the claims (strikethrough and double brackets ([[ ]]) indicating deletion and underline indicating insertion) as follows:

1. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The climbing tree stand assembly of Claim 9, A climbing tree stand assembly comprising:

a platform;

a pair of support arms attached to the platform; and

a pair of rigid footholds attached to the support arms and extending generally over the platform, wherein the pair of footholds each comprise a curved elongate body portion and a clamping portion for attaching wherein clamping portions are attached to the support arms.

11. - 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) The improvement of Claim 14 In a climbing tree stand including a platform and a pair of support arms attached to the platform, the climbing tree stand for use by a user, the improvement therein comprising:

<u>a pair of wherein the rigid</u> foothold devices <del>are</del> attached to the support arms and <u>extending extend</u> toward the platform.

17. - 20. (Cancelled)